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SUBJECT: GAO STUDY OF FRENCH NATURAL GAS INDUSTRY

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1. WE HAVE RECEIVED TWO TELEPHONE CALLS (APRIL 14 AND 20) FROM FRANKFURT-BASED GAO STAFFER CARPENTER INFORMING US THAT THREE-MAN GAO TEAM (CARPENTER, GREATTA, AND RUSSELL) WILL BE IN PARIS MAY 2 THROUGH 6 TO STUDY FRENCH NATURAL GAS INDUSTRY. CARPENTER ADVISES THAT STUDY HAS BEEN ORDERED BY CONGRESS AND APPROVED BY DEPARTMENT AND THAT INSTRUCTIONS FOR EMBASSY SUPPORT WILL BE RECEIVED MOMENTARILY. (N.B. AS OF COB APRIL 20, WE HAD NOT RECEIVED THESE INSTRUCTIONS.)
2. FROM OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH CARPENTER, IT APPEARS GAO PARIS PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS WILL BE COMPREHENSIVE. HOWEVER, IT ALSO APPEARS MAJORITY OF INFORMATION SOUGHT IS AVAILABLE ALREADY IN DEPARTMENT, AT FEA, AT FPC, AND FROM AMERICAN PETROLEUM INSTITUTE AND U.S. NATURAL GAS INDUSTRY ASSOCIATIONS. PURPOSES OF VISIT ARE DESCRIBED AS (1) TO BUILD UP "DATA BASE" ON FRENCH NATURAL GAS PRODUCTION, IMPORTATION, AND UTILIZATION; (2) TO INTERVIEW FRENCH GOVERNMENT AND INDUSTRY

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OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FOR CURRENT GAS POLICY IMPLEMENTATION, AND FUTURE PLANNING; (3) TO EXAMINE WITH SPECIAL INTEREST ELEMENTS OF POINTS (1) AND (2) RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION, STORAGE, AND UTILIZATION OF IMPORTED LIQUIFIED GASES.

3. ALTHOUGH WE FEEL THIS UNDERTAKING IS QUITE

LIKELY TO DEVELOP INTO ONE SIMILAR TO THOSE DESCRIBED
IN REFTTEL, PARA 5(3), WE WILL PROVIDE FEASIBLE
SUPPORT IF RPT IF DEPARTMENT SO AUTHORIZES. HOWEVER,
WE WOULD APPRECIATE SPECIFIC INDICATION OF DEGREE OF
DIRECT GAO INVOLVEMENT WITH FRENCH ENERGY ESTABLISH-
MENT WHICH DEPARTMENT CONSIDERS APPROPRIATE AT TIME
WHEN ADMINISTRATION PUTTING FORWARD COMPREHENSIVE U.S.
ENERGY PLANS--PLANS WE WILL OURSELVES BE DISCUSSING
IN DETAIL WITH FRENCH.

4. SEVENTH PLAN REMAINS BASIC FRENCH ECONOMIC
PLANNING DOCUMENT. OUR A-401 OF SEPTEMBER 30,1976,
ANALYZED ENERGY--INCLUDING GAS--ASPECTS OF THIS PLAN.
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